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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" An early decision will be taken, Sir, before the expiry of the life of the present district boards."

Government Hospital, Rajapalayam

* 1485 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present bed strength of the Government Hospital, Rajapalayam in Ramanathapuram district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the bed strength and staff in that hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 16, Sir.

" (*b*) There is a proposal to construct a ward of 20 beds in the hospital."

Suicides in Malabar.

* 1486 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of suicides in Malabar in 1954 and January 1955;

(*b*) how many were due to the eating of the poisonous fruit called 'Kolambikaya' or 'Manja Arali Kaya'; and

(*c*) how many due to other causes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—

	1954.	January 1955.
" (*a*)	498	54
" (*b*)	81	19
" (*c*)	417	35 "

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know whether there was any case of attempt to commit suicide in the district of Malabar and if so, whether those concerned have been prosecuted? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Causeway across Thambaraparani river at Karuppanthurai.

* 1487 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a causeway in the Thambaraparani river near Karuppanthurai to connect Tirunelveli town and Melapalayam in Tirunelveli district;

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands; and

(*c*) when it is likely to be commenced?